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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant directs the Examiner's attention to five photographs accompanying this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, and in particular, to the packaging of an "LCR Dice Game" sold by George and Company of Buffalo, New York, shown in such photographs. The packaging includes a clear plastic cylinder having a first open end and a second closed or sealed end. Two holes are formed in opposing sides of the plastic cylinder adjacent to the first open end. A red plastic plug that includes a cylindrical portion is received within the open end of

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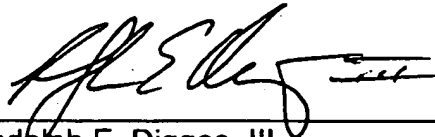
the clear plastic cylinder. The red plastic plug is retained in the first open end by a pair of opposing plastic bumps or surface projections that extend from the cylindrical portion of the red plastic plug. The red plastic plug includes the words:

TO OPEN
TURN AND
PULL OUT

Applicant does not know when the packaging for the "LCR Dice Game" was first known or used in the United States. However, the "Game Rules" accompanying the "LCR Dice Game" include a copyright notice dated 1992. Accordingly, applicant presumes that the packaging for the "LCR Dice Game" has been known and used in the United States since at least that date.

Respectfully submitted,

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